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SUBJ: DECLARATION: FAO NEAR EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

AT CONCLUSION OF THE FAO NEAR EAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE THE PARTICIPANTS ADOPTED A THREE PAGE DECLARATION TERMED THE TUNIS DECLARATION WHICH IS QUOTED. THERE WERE NO INTERVENTIONS OR DISCUSSION OF THE DECLARATION:

QUOTE THE CONFERENCE /MINDFUL/ OF THE URGENT NEEDS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION, PARTICULARLY IN ACHIEVING IMPROVEMENTS IN THEIR NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT: /CONCERNED/, WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS SINCE THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION, AND IN PARTICULAR THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION LOOK FORWARD TO ESTABLISHING THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; /AFFIRMING/ THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER BASED ON EQUALITY, SELF-RELIANCE AND MUTUAL COOPERATION, /STRESSING/ IN THIS CONNECTION THE PRIMARY IMPORTANCE, IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE GOALS, OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, THROUGH ITS CRITICAL CONTRIBU-

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TION TO ECONOMIES OF COUNTRIES OF THE REGION AND THE ECONOMIC,

NUTRITIONAL, AND SOCIAL BETTERMENT OF ITS PEOPLES; /RECALLING/ THE LEADING ROLE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION IN PROMOTING NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE GOALS AND IN ASSISTING MEMBER NATIONS TO OVERCOME THE TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS WHICH HOLD BACK THE NECESSARY PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE RURAL AREAS: - /CALLS/ UPON MEMBER NATIONS OF THE REGION TO GIVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY TO INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION, AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO THIS END, /STRESSES/ THE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IN THIS CONNECTION OF AN ADEQUATE AND CONTINUING FLOW OF INVESTMENT IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, AND IN THIS REGARD TAKES FULL NOTE OF THE VITAL CONTRIBUTION WHICH MEMBER NATIONS OF THE REGION HAVE THEMSELVES GENEROUSLY MADE THROUGH THE NEAR EAST COOPERATIVE PROGRAMME, THE ARAB FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE KUWAIT FUND, THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, THE SAUDI FUND, AND THE ABU DHABI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, /URGES/ MEMBER NATIONS AND FINANCING INSTITUTIONS TO CONTINUE AND TO EXPAND INVESTMENT IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE AND TO HELP BRING ABOUT THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, /INVITES/ ALL FINANCING INSTITUTIONS OF THE REGION AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH FAO IN THE IDENTIFICATION, PREPARATION AND WHEN CALLED FOR IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES, /SUPPORTS/ FULLY THE APPROVAL GIVEN BY THE SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE FAO COUNCIL TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE IN STRENGTHENING AND BROADENING THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTMENT WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION AND IN ENDEAVOURING TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE LINKS AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FINANCING INSTITUTIONS OF THE REGION AS WELL AS THE WORLD BANK AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, IN ORDER TO SERVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBER NATIONS MORE EFFECTIVELY; /REAFFIRMS/ THE URGENT NECESSITY TO OVERCOME BY NATIONAL EFFORT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH FAO, THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CONSTRAINTS ON THE EFFORTS OF MEMBER NATIONS FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, WORLD FOOD SECURITY, FOOD AID AND EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS; /WELCOMES/ IN THIS CONNECTION THE DECISION OF THE SIXTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE FAO COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S BOLD AND DECISIVE PROPOSALS TO ASSIST MEMBER GOVERNMENTS MORE SPEEDILY AND EFFECTIVELY FOR THESE PURPOSES, BY GIVING THE

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PROGRAMMES OF THE ORGANIZATION MORE RELEVANCE TO AND IMPACT UPON THE REAL NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THROUGH GREATER EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL, ACTION-ORIENTATED ACTIVITIES AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL, IN PARTICULAR BY ESTABLISHING THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME AND DECENTRALIZATION TO THE COUNTRY LEVEL, /DECLARES/ ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL IN HIS EFFORTS TO CONTINUE TO RESHAPE THE ORGANIZATION SO AS TO BETTER TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF ITS MEMBER NATIONS, /PLEDGES/

RENEWED EFFORT BY THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE REGION TO MOBILIZE
TO THE FULL THE HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE REGION IN
THE STRUGGLE TO ELIMINATE HUNGER AND POVERTY FROM AMONG ITS
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